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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA

REF: A. RABAT 3249; B. ALGIERS 1508

1. DEPARTMENT HAD PREPARED INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONSE TO KING HASSAN'S REQUEST FOR U.S. DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE TO HELP EASE TENSE SAHARA SITUATION WHEN REFTELS ARRIVED REPORTING APPARENT ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN RAPPROCHMENT AND ALGERIAN ACCEPTANCE OF MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN UNDERSTANDING ON FUTURE OF SAHARA. WITHOUT DEPARTING FROM STANDING U.S. POLICY OF STRICT NEUTRALITY ON SUBSTANCE OF SAHARA DISPUTE, DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PREPARED TO SUGGEST THAT KING HASSAN CONSIDER ATTENDING SPANISH SPONSORED FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE AS WAY OF DEFUSING TENSE SITUATION THAT HAD ARISEN BECAUSE OF OPPOSING VIEWS OF MOROCCO AND ALGERIA.

2. BECAUSE OF NEW AND UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT OF APPARENT ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN AGREEMENT, ASSUMPTIONS ON WHICH PLANNED U.S. DEMARCHE WAS BASED MAY NO LONGER BE CONFIDENTIAL

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VALID. DEPARTMENT IS THEREFORE DEFERRING RESPONSES TO KING HASSAN AND ALSO TO SPANISH REQUEST TO SUPPORT PROPOSED FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE, UNTIL CURRENT DIPLOMATIC SITUATION BECOMES CLEARER.
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